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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6532

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, AO, MT

SUBJECT: ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

REF: STATE 265503

1. THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED THE ANGOLAN SITUATION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ABELA ON NOVEMBER 11, DRAWING ON REFTEL. THE AMBASSADOR PROVIDED ABELA WITH AVAILABLE DETAILS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO TERRITORIAL/POPULATION CONTROL AND EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT MALTA WOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY HASTY MOVE TOWARD RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.

2. ABELA SAID HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR PRESENTATION AND ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON CURRENT SITUATION BEYOND PRESS REPORTS. SUBJECT HAD NOT ARISEN IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH PM MINTOFF AS YET, BUT ABELA FELT CONFIDENT THAT MALTA WOULD MAKE NO EARLY MOVE TOWARD RECOGNITION BUT WOULD INSTEAD PREFER TO "WAIT UNTIL THE DUST SETTLES."

3. COMMENT: THE MALTESE KNOW LITTLE AND PERHAPS CARE LESS ABOUT THE ANGOLAN SITUATION. ULTIMATELY, ON THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION, THEY ARE LIKELY TO

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FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE GROUP OF 77 IF AND WHEN AN

AGREED POSITION IS REACHED BY THIS GROUP. ABELA
TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT MALTA IS HOPING FOR FORMAL
ADMISSION INTO THE GROUP OF 77 NEXT YEAR, AND IT IS
UNLIKELY TO MAKE ANY MOVE WHICH WOULD LESSEN ITS
CHANCES OF A FAVORABLE VOTE. SMITH

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